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## TO VICTIMS OF BLAKE A. PRATER

RE: <u>United States v. BLAKE A. PRATER</u>

Case Number 2003R00495 Court Docket Number 3:06CR1(JBA)

This notice is to provide information about the above-referenced criminal case.

On October 3, 2006, defendant Blake A. Prater pled guilty to the charges listed below. Any remaining counts of the indictment will be disposed of at the time of sentencing. As a result of the guilty plea, there will be no trial involving Mr. Prater.

3 counts of - Mail Fraud - Frauds and swindles

4 counts of - Fraudulent interstate transactions

6 counts of - Laundering of monetary instruments

4 counts of - Monetary transactions w/property from unlawful act

1 count of - Monetary transactions w/property from unlawful act

The sentencing hearing for Blake A. Prater, is <u>tentatively</u> set for January 17, 2007, at 3:00 P.M. before the Honorable Janet B. Arterton, United States District Court Judge, 141 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut. If you plan on attending, please check with the VNS Call Center to verify the sentencing date and time as this date is subject to change. Should you wish to speak at the sentencing or want to check for the most current information on the date/time of the event please call our office a day or two before the scheduled hearing.

You may also access the VNS Call Center by using your personal pin and vin numbers to view a sample impact statement. This statement may assist you in preparing a written document to the Court about the impact this crime has had upon you. The impact statement can be mailed to Linda Corraro, Victim Witness Coordinator, U.S. Attorney's Office, 157 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06510.

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